

such terms and conditions as deemed appropriate, to conduct an activity otherwise prohibited by § 922.111, if the Director finds that the activity will further research related to Sanctuary resources; further the educational or historical value of the Sanctuary; further salvage or recovery operations in or near the Sanctuary in connection with a recent air or marine casualty; or assist in the management of the Sanctuary. In deciding whether to issue a permit, the Director may consider such factors as the professional qualifications and financial ability of the applicant as related to the proposed activity; the appropriateness of the methods and procedures proposed by the applicant for the conduct of the activity; the extent to which the conduct of the activity may diminish or enhance the values for which the Sanctuary was designated; and the end value of the applicant's overall activity.

APPENDIX A TO SUBPART K OF PART  
922—CORDELL BANK NATIONAL MARINE  
SANCTUARY BOUNDARY COORDINATES

Point No.	Latitude	Longitude
1 .....	38°15'51.72"	123°10'52.44"
2 .....	38°07'55.88"	123°38'33.53"
3 .....	38°06'45.21"	123°38'00.40"
4 .....	38°04'58.41"	123°37'14.34"
5 .....	38°04'28.22"	123°37'17.83"
6 .....	38°03'42.75"	123°36'55.66"
7 .....	38°03'11.10"	123°36'19.78"
8 .....	38°02'46.12"	123°36'21.98"
9 .....	38°02'02.74"	123°35'56.56"
10 .....	38°01'27.10"	123°35'55.12"
11 .....	38°01'22.28"	123°36'55.13"
12 .....	38°01'11.54"	123°37'28.21"
13 .....	38°00'49.16"	123°37'29.77"
14 .....	37°59'54.49"	123°36'47.90"
15 .....	37°59'12.39"	123°35'59.55"
16 .....	37°58'39.40"	123°35'14.85"
17 .....	37°58'00.57"	123°34'42.93"
18 .....	37°57'18.99"	123°33'43.15"
19 .....	37°56'56.42"	123°32'51.97"
20 .....	37°56'18.90"	123°32'49.24"
21 .....	37°55'22.37"	123°32'36.96"
22 .....	37°54'26.10"	123°32'21.73"
23 .....	37°53'07.46"	123°31'46.81"
24 .....	37°52'34.93"	123°31'18.90"
25 .....	37°51'42.81"	123°31'19.10"
26 .....	37°50'59.58"	123°31'02.96"
27 .....	37°49'22.64"	123°29'34.07"
28 .....	37°48'49.14"	123°28'44.61"
29 .....	37°48'36.95"	123°28'08.29"
30 .....	37°48'03.37"	123°28'23.27"
31 .....	37°47'41.54"	123°28'01.97"
32 .....	37°47'01.78"	123°27'16.78"
33 .....	37°46'51.92"	123°26'48.98"
34 .....	37°46'13.20"	123°26'04.79"
35 .....	37°46'00.73"	123°25'36.99"

Point No.	Latitude	Longitude
36 .....	37°50'25.31"	123°25'26.53"
37 .....	37°54'32.28"	123°23'16.49"
38 .....	37°57'45.71"	123°19'17.72"
39 .....	37°59'29.27"	123°14'12.16"
40 .....	37°59'43.71"	123°08'27.55"
41 .....	38°03'10.20"	123°07'44.35"
42 .....	38°04'01.64"	123°06'58.92"
43 .....	38°08'33.32"	123°04'56.24"
44 .....	38°12'42.06"	123°07'10.21"

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**Subpart L—Flower Garden Banks  
National Marine Sanctuary**

**§ 922.120 Boundary.**

The Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary (the Sanctuary) consists of three separate areas of ocean waters over and surrounding the East and West Flower Garden Banks and Stetson Bank, and the submerged lands thereunder including the Banks, in the northwestern Gulf of Mexico. The area designated at the East Bank is located approximately 120 nautical miles (nmi) south-southwest of Cameron, Louisiana, and encompasses 19.20 nmi<sup>2</sup>. The area designated at the West Bank is located approximately 110 nmi southeast of Galveston, Texas, and encompasses 22.50 nmi<sup>2</sup>. The area designated at Stetson Bank is located approximately 70 nmi southeast of Galveston, Texas, and encompasses 0.64 nmi<sup>2</sup>. The three areas encompass a total of 42.34 nmi<sup>2</sup> (145.09 square kilometers). The boundary coordinates for each area are listed in appendix A to this subpart.

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**§ 922.121 Definitions.**

In addition to those definitions found at § 922.3, the following definition applies to this subpart:

*No-activity zone* means the two geographic areas delineated by the Department of the Interior in stipulations for OCS lease sale 112 over and surrounding the East and West Flower Garden Banks, and the geographic area delineated by the Department of the Interior in stipulations for OCS lease sale 171 over and surrounding Stetson Bank, as areas in which activities associated with exploration for, development of, or production of hydrocarbons

are prohibited. The precise aliquot part description of these areas around the East and West Flower Garden Banks are provided in appendix B of this subpart; the no-activity zone around Stetson Bank is defined as the 52 meter isobath. These particular aliquot part descriptions for the East and West Flower Garden Banks, and the 52 meter isobath around Stetson Bank, define the geographic scope of the “no-activity zones” for purposes of the regulations in this subpart. The descriptions for the East and West Flower Garden Banks no-activity zones are based on the “¼ ¼ ¼” system formerly used by the Department of the Interior, a method that delineates a specific portion of a block rather than the actual underlying isobath.

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**§ 922.122 Prohibited or otherwise regulated activities.**

(a) Except as specified in paragraphs (c) through (h) of this section, the following activities are prohibited and thus are unlawful for any person to conduct or to cause to be conducted:

(1) Exploring for, developing, or producing oil, gas or minerals except outside of all no-activity zones and provided all drilling cuttings and drilling fluids are shunted to the seabed through a downpipe that terminates an appropriate distance, but no more than ten meters, from the seabed.

(2)(i) Anchoring any vessel within the Sanctuary.

(ii) Mooring any vessel within the Sanctuary, except that vessels 100 feet (30.48 meters) or less in registered length may moor on a Sanctuary mooring buoy.

(3)(i) Discharging or depositing, from within the boundaries of the Sanctuary, any material or other matter except:

(A) Fish, fish parts, chumming materials or bait used in or resulting from fishing with conventional hook and line gear in the Sanctuary;

(B) Biodegradable effluents incidental to vessel use and generated by marine sanitation devices approved in accordance with section 312 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1322;

(C) Water generated by routine vessel operations (e.g., cooling water, deck wash down, and graywater as defined by section 312 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1322) excluding oily wastes from bilge pumping;

(D) Engine exhaust; or

(E) In areas of the Sanctuary outside the no-activity zones, drilling cuttings and drilling fluids necessarily discharged incidental to the exploration for, development of, or production of oil or gas in those areas and in accordance with the shunting requirements of paragraph (a)(1) unless such discharge injures a Sanctuary resource or quality.

(ii) Discharging or depositing, from beyond the boundaries of the Sanctuary, any material or other matter, except those listed in paragraphs (a)(3)(i) (A) through (D) of this section, that subsequently enters the Sanctuary and injures a Sanctuary resource or quality.

(4) Drilling into, dredging or otherwise altering the seabed of the Sanctuary (except by anchoring); or constructing, placing or abandoning any structure, material or other matter on the seabed of the Sanctuary.

(5) Injuring or removing, or attempting to injure or remove, any coral or other bottom formation, coralline algae or other plant, marine invertebrate, brine-seep biota or carbonate rock within the Sanctuary.

(6) Taking any marine mammal or turtle within the Sanctuary, except as permitted by regulations, as amended, promulgated under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*, and the Endangered Species Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

(7) Injuring, catching, harvesting, collecting or feeding, or attempting to injure, catch, harvest, collect or feed, any fish within the Sanctuary by use of bottom longlines, traps, nets, bottom trawls or any other gear, device, equipment or means except by use of conventional hook and line gear.

(8) Possessing within the Sanctuary (regardless of where collected, caught, harvested or removed), except for valid